

Coffee Updates

United States

U.S. coffee stocks at the end of January 2006 totaled 4.9 million bags, up 282,693 bags from the December 31, 2005, level.

U.S. Coffee Stocks

Location	December 31	January 31	Difference
-----60-kilogram bags-----			
New York	1,785,043	1,785,477	434
New Orleans	1,223,130	1,277,881	54,751
Jacksonville	109,000	118,000	9,000
Miami	677,969	676,701	(1,268)
Houston	372,227	409,963	37,736
Laredo	59,397	59,779	382
Port Everglades	0	0	0
San Francisco	323,380	328,455	5,075
Los Angeles/Long Beach 1/	0	117,696	117,696
Seattle/Tacoma 1/	0	68,429	68,429
Norfolk	112,718	104,441	(8,277)
Philadelphia	3,669	2,404	(1,265)
Baltimore	0	0	0
Total	4,666,533	4,949,226	282,693

Source: Green Coffee Association, Inc.

1/ Beginning from January 2006.

Russia

The Russian government began allowing duty-free imports of not-roasted coffee for 9 months in February 2006. The following is from GAIN Report RS6001. See <http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/default.asp>. The Russian confectionery industry succeeded in gaining a temporary suspension of import tariffs on several important ingredients: cocoa beans, coffee (not roasted), and peanuts. The Resolution of the Government #771 of December 20, 2005, on Suspension of Custom Tariff on Cocoa Beans was followed by the Resolution #814 of December 28, 2005, "On Temporary Import Custom Tariff on Coffee, not Roasted," and the Resolution #820 of December 28, 2005, "On Temporary Import Custom Tariff on Some Kinds of Peanuts." The 5-percent import tariff on these products is suspended for 9 months beginning early February 2006.

The temporary zero import tariffs on cocoa beans, coffee not roasted, and peanuts not roasted or otherwise cooked, are the result of the lobby of the growing Russian confectionery industry interested in increased imports. In January-September 2005, Russia imported 27,100 metric tons of coffee not roasted, (up 27 percent from the same period last year) worth \$47.1 million.

It is reported that this move will stimulate construction of coffee processing facilities.

Brazil

Brazil's government auctions are as follows:

Brazil: Auctions of Government-Owned Coffee Stocks			
Date of Auction	Quantity Offered	Quantity Sold	Price Range
	60-kilogram bags		Brazil reais/bag
2005			
October 26	40,000	36,710	142.10-156.00
November 9	40,000	39,820	152.20-166.00
November 23	40,000	39,890	154.00-167.70
December 7	40,000	39,363	157.70-162.50
December 21	40,000	39,920	145.00-150.00
2006			
January 11	50,000	49,820	173.00-184.00
January 26	70,000	70,000	172.70-192.00
February 8	80,000	80,000	156.20-175.00
February 22	100,000	95,510	150.00-170.50